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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-85806.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114383.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-167191.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-167192.
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8. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-143301.
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10. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-51192.
11. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-296471.
12. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-337818. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
13. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-35535.
14. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-236253.
15. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-82280.
16. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-197712.
17. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-324673.
18. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-311271.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, we have enclosed a Japanese Search Report citing these documents in the corresponding International Application.


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